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SUBJECT:VISIT OF SAUDI OIL MINISTER TO WASHINGTON

REF: JIDDA 3607

FOR AMBASSADOR AKINS FROM UNDER SECRETARY SISCO

1. I BELIEVE YOU SHOULD CORRECT THE RECORD IMMEDIATELY. YAMANI CAME TO WASHINGTON TO SEE THE SECRETARY AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF THE SECRETARY. IN FACT WE PREVAILED UPON YAMANI TO DELAY FOR 48 HOURS HIS RETURN SINCE WE WANTED TO HAVE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH HIM REGARDING THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT OPEC IN QUITO.

2. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE MAKE VERY CLEAR THAT THE PLANNED WASHINGTON MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY WAS NOT A YAMANI INITIATIVE OR PROPOSAL BUT WAS STRICTLY AND CATEGORICALLY AN AMERICAN INITIATIVE. AS IT TURNED OUT, THE SECRETARY WAS DETAINED IN A VERY IMPORTANT HIGH-LEVEL MEETING AND THEREFORE HE WAS NOT ABLE TO SEE YAMANI.

3. I HOPE YOU WILL STRAIGHTEN THIS MATTER OUT PROMPTLY

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